

In the Claims

The claims have been amended as follows.

- 1 1. (previously presented) An integrated door lock handle and trim assembly having
2 a retractable spindle for operating a mortise door lock comprising:
 - 3 a door lock handle having a support shoulder and external threads at the end of the
4 handle and an axial blind opening in the handle for accommodating an
5 elongated spring and an elongated spindle;
 - 6 a cover having a base and a door facing outer lip around the base periphery and an
7 internal threaded through opening in the base and the base rests against the
8 shoulder of the door lock handle;
 - 9 a mounting plate sized to fit within the outer lip and having a through opening
10 with a lip having external threads which are to be threaded with the internal
11 threads of the opening in the base of the cover the through opening of the
12 mounting plate sized to allow the cover and threaded mounting plate to rotate
13 freely on the handle;
 - 14 a cap nut having a through opening with internal threads which are to be threaded
15 with the external threads of the handle forming an integral assembly of the
16 handle, cover, mounting plate and cap nut;
 - 17 an elongated spring disposed within the axial opening of the handle having a front
18 end and a rear end resting against the end of the blind opening; and

19 an elongated spindle sized to extend through the cap nut opening, mounting plate
20 opening and the axial opening in the handle and having a front end shaped to
21 engage and operate the door lock and a rear end which is secured to the front
22 end of the spring;
23 elongated support pins having an enlarged end held in the assembly between the
24 mounting plate and cover base with the free ends of the pins extending axially
25 through support pin openings in the mounting plate; and
26 a spring disposed between the enlarged ends of the support pins and the base of
27 the cover and contacting the enlarged ends of the elongated support pins;
28 whereas the spindle can be retracted within the axial opening decreasing the
29 effective length of the spindle enabling the assembly to be used for doors of
30 varying thicknesses.

1 2.-3. (canceled)

1 4. (previously presented) The trim assembly of claim 1 wherein the cap nut has a
2 star face opening which edges of the opening engage the spindle to prevent the
3 spindle from turning.

1 5. (original) The trim assembly of claim 4 wherein the spindle is rectangular.

1 6. (original) The trim assembly of claim 5 wherein the rear end of the spindle has
2 an axial opening to accommodate an anchor to connect the spindle and anchor
3 together.

1 7. (previously presented) The trim assembly of claim 6 wherein the rear end of
2 the elongated spring is conical so that when compressed the spring collapses to a
3 greater extent than a conventional spring.

1 8. (original) The trim assembly of claim 1 which is pre-assembled.

1 9. (original) The trim assembly of claim 1 wherein the rear end of the spindle is
2 shaped to engage the front end of the spring.

1 10. (original) The trim assembly of claim 1 wherein the cover is an escutcheon.

1 11. (previously presented) An integrated door lock handle and trim assembly having
2 a retractable spindle for operating a mortise door lock is provided comprising:
3 a door lock handle having a support shoulder formed by an elongated extension of
4 smaller size at the end facing the door with the handle having external threads
5 at the end of the extension and an axial blind opening in the extension and
6 handle for accommodating an elongated spring and an elongated spindle;

7 a cover having a base and a door facing outer lip around the base periphery and an
8 internal threaded through opening in the base and the base rests against the
9 shoulder of the door handle;

10 a mounting plate sized to fit within the outer lip and having a through opening
11 with a lip having external threads which are to be threaded with the internal
12 threads of the opening in the base of the cover the through opening of the
13 mounting plate sized to allow the cover and threaded mounting plate to rotate
14 freely on the handle;

15 a cap nut having a through opening with internal threads which are to be threaded
16 with the external threads of the handle forming an integral assembly of the
17 handle, cover, mounting plate and cap nut;

18 an elongated spring disposed within the axial opening of the extension and handle
19 having a front end and a rear end resting against the end of the blind opening;
20 and

21 an elongated spindle sized to extend through the cap nut opening, mounting plate
22 opening and the axial opening in the handle and having a front end shaped to
23 engage and operate the door lock and a rear end which is secured to the front
24 end of the spring;

25 elongated support pins having an enlarged end held in the assembly between the
26 mounting plate and cover base with the free ends of the pins extending axially
27 through support pin openings in the mounting plate; and

28 a spring disposed between the enlarged ends of the support pins and the base of
29 the cover and contacting the enlarged ends of the elongated support pins.

30 whereas the spindle can be retracted within the axial opening decreasing the
31 effective length of the spindle enabling the assembly to be used for doors of
32 varying thicknesses.

1 12.-13. (canceled)

1 14. (previously presented) The trim assembly of claim 11 wherein the cap nut has
2 a star face opening which edges of the opening engage the spindle to prevent the
3 spindle from turning.

1 15. (previously presented) The trim assembly of claim 14 wherein the spindle is
2 rectangular.

1 16. (original) The trim assembly of claim 15 wherein the rear end of the spindle
2 has an axial opening to accommodate an anchor to connect the spindle and anchor
3 together.

1 17. (previously presented) The trim assembly of claim 16 wherein the rear end of
2 the elongated spring is conical so that when compressed the spring collapses to a
3 greater extent than a conventional spring.

1 18. (original) The trim assembly of claim 11 which is pre-assembled.

1 19. (original) The trim assembly of claim 11 wherein the rear end of the spindle is
2 shaped to engage the front end of the spring.

1 20. (original) The trim assembly of claim 11 wherein the cover is an escutcheon.

1 21.-22. (canceled)